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1. Medical research at National University of Taiwan, though severely limited by lack of funds and equipment, is being carried on in various departments of the medical school. MSA aid has been of great help in providing funds with which to purchase needed equipment, but many required items are still lacking.
2. In the department of anatomy, research is being conducted in the ethnology of South China people and to a lesser extent those of Indonesia. In the field of endocrinology the department is doing work on the animals of Taiwan, particularly monkeys. The equivalent of US\$60 is allowed per month by the University for research in each department. Department projects are authorized by the head of the particular department.
3. Staff members of Department of Anatomy are:
 - A. Chief: Dr Yu Chin Chuang (余錦泉)
He is about 40 and graduated from University of Nagasaki Medical School, Japan
 - B. Dr Tsai Shikuei (蔡錫圭)
He is about 33 and a graduate of University of Tsingtao Medical School.
 - C. Dr Ha Hong-chian (哈紅謙)
He is 31 and a graduate of Harbin University Medical School. He arrived in Taiwan in 1946.
 - D. Dr Lin Huai-shan (林懷山)
He is 28 and a graduate of Taiwan University Medical School.
 - E. Dr Fu Hong-chen (傅宏成)
He is 28 and a graduate of Taiwan University Medical School.
 - F. Dr Cheng Tsung-ming (鄭錫盟 10/7)
He is 26 and a graduate of Taiwan University Medical School.

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4. The department of biochemistry is conducting research in nutrition directed at factory labor class. Recommendations for diet improvement have been presented but wage level of workers precludes heeding the advice.
5. Laboratory items required by anatomy department to further research include histochemistry equipment such as dry freezing apparatus, glassware and reagents. MSA grants have not covered this need and university funds are insufficient to enable purchase in foreseeable future. Anatomy department has 80 good microscopes and is supplied free of charge with 20 human cadavers per year.
6. US manufactured medical equipment is relied upon almost exclusively. However, Japanese manufactured equipment is again becoming available. Quality is adequate for Chinese medical standards. Japanese electron microscopes may be purchased for about US\$2 thousand.
7. Formerly, high school graduates were admitted to Taiwan University Medical School. Beginning in 1951 a two year college level pre-medical course consisting of physics, chemistry, biology and math became mandatory and a prerequisite for consideration. About 80 first year students are selected out of roughly one thousand applicants. Attrition rate is about 10 - 15 per cent. Course is four years with a fifth year of internship. Quality of students is good but they are handicapped by poor training facilities.
8. Veterinary training is conducted by University of Taiwan Department of Agriculture.

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